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SUBJ: DETROIT RENAISSANCE CENTER PRESS CONFERENCE FLORENCE

REF: FLORENCE 604 (NOTAL)

1. IN OCTOBER 28 FLORENCE CITY HALL CEREMONY, MAYOR GABBUGGIANI OFFICIALLY UNVEILED PROPOSED FLORENCE-DETROIT CULTURAL/COMMERCIAL TIES AS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN CITY ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO U.S. DURING BICENTENNIAL YEAR.
2. CEREMONY PARALLELED ONE HELD IN DETROIT TO MARK COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE IN THAT CITY'S URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KNOWN AS RENAISSANCE CENTER.
3. REPRESENTING RENAISSANCE CENTER AND DETROIT MAYOR COLEMAN YOUNG AT FLORENCE CEREMONY WAS PROF. DEWEY MOSBY, CURATOR OF EUROPEAN COLLECTION OF DETROIT INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS. FLORENCE REPRESENTATIVE TO DETROIT CEREMONY WAS DIRECTOR OF ENTE AUTONOMO DEL TURISMO, ANDREA VON BERGER (REFTEL).
4. IN FLORENCE CEREMONY, FOLLOWING INTENTIONS WERE ANNOUNCED:

(A) FLORENCE SCIENCE MUSEUM WILL SEND MODELS OF DA VINCI

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INVENTIONS TO DETROIT FOR EXHIBITION#

(B) COPY OF LEONARDO DA VINCI VOLUME, ATLANTIC CODICI, WILL BE PRESENTED TO DETROIT#

(C) AN AS YET UNDETERMINED COLLECTION OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN ART WILL BE SENT TO FLORENCE#

(D) UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT WILL ESTABLISH CHAIR OF RENAISSANCE HISTORY#

(E) FACULTIES OF ARCHITECTURE OF FLORENCE AND DETROIT UNIVERSITIES MAY ENTER INTO EXCHANGE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSSIBLY FACULTY#

(F) DETROIT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SHOWROOM SPACE IN RENAISSANCE CENTER OFFICE COMPLEX FOR EXHIBITION OF TUSCAN PRODUCTS INCLUDING GOLD, SILVER, GLASS AND SILK (CJ EEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE STILL NEGOTIATING TERMS FOR SHOWROOM)#

(G) EXCHANGE IN FIELD OF MUSIC (POSSIBLY CONDUCTORS OF ORCHESTRA).

5. NOT ANNOUNCED, BUT ALSO CONTEMPLATED IS EXCHANGE OF MAYORS. VISITS TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE RENAISSANCE CENTER PROJECT.

6. FYI: CONSULATE NOT REPRESENTED AT OCTOBER 28 PRESS CONFERENCE OWING MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING TIME OF PRESS CONFERENCE (BPAO WAS TO REPRESENT CONSULATE AND HE WAS MISINFORMED REGARDING TIME OF PRESS CONFERENCE). FOREGOING ACCOUNT IS BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH THOSE ATTENDING INCLUDING PUBLIC RELATIONS REP OF DETROIT AND FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS, IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN PROJECT. GORDON

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